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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Hisao KITAGAWA

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**A M E N D M E N T**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 12, 14 and 15, without prejudice;  
amend claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 18 and 20; and add new claims  
21-24, as follows:

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1. (Amended) A confocal microscope apparatus comprising:  
a light-emitting portion for emitting a light beam with  
which a specimen to be observed is irradiated;

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